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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

International Air Transport Association
Agreement Relating to Liability
Limitations of the Warsaw Convention

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NOTICE OF TIME FOR FILING ANSWERS

By Orders 95-2-44, and 95-7-15, the Department granted and extended discussion authority and antitrust immunity to IATA for the purpose of reaching an Agreement among carriers to waive the liability limits of the Warsaw Convention. As a result of those discussions the IATA Annual General Meeting in Kuala Lumpur on October 31, 1995 endorsed an IATA Inter-carrier Agreement (IIA) that requires signatory carriers to take action to waive the Convention's liability limits by November 1, 1996, and to encourage other carriers to do the same.

On December 22, 1995, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) filed an application for a ninety day extension of discussion authority and antitrust immunity (to April 1, 1996) directed toward producing an acceptable passenger liability regime under the Warsaw Convention. The application further requested suspension of the discussion authority granted to ATA and **IATA** in Order 95-12-14 until April 1, 1996, and a modification of the condition relating to U.S. carrier reporting in connection with their required attendance at the discussions. The application requests that the answer period for responding to the application be shortened to five business days.

We will grant, in part, the request to shorten the answer period. Answers will be due January 9, 1996.

By:

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Dated: January 3, 1996

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